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Exhibit 1

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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON**
10 **SEATTLE DIVISION**

11 JOHN DOE #1, an individual, JOHN DOE #2,
12 an individual, and PROTECT MARRIAGE
WASHINGTON,

13 Plaintiffs,

14 vs.

15 SAM REED, in his official capacity as
16 Secretary of State of Washington, DEBRA
17 GALARZA, in her official capacity as Public
18 Records Officer for the Secretary of State of
19 Washington, ROB MCKENNA, in his official
20 capacity as Attorney General of Washington,
JIM CLEMENTS, DAVID SEABROOK,
JANE NOLAND, and KEN SCHELLBERG,
members of the Public Disclosure
Commission, in their official capacities, and,
CAROLYN WEIKEL, in her official capacity
as Auditor of Snohomish County, Washington,

21 Defendants.

No. 0:09-cv-05456-BHS

**VERIFIED FIRST AMENDED
COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY
AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

The Honorable Benjamin H. Settle

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23 John Doe #1, an individual, John Doe #2, an individual, and Protect Marriage Washington
24 complain and allege as follows:

25 **Introduction**

26 **1.** This is a civil action for declaratory and injunctive relief arising under the First and
27 Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

1 2. This case concerns the constitutionality of the Washington Public Records Act, Wash.
2 Rev. Code § 42.56.001, *et seq.* (“RCW”), as it applies to the public release of referenda petitions
3 submitted to the Secretary of State of Washington.

4 3. This is also a pre-enforcement, facial and as-applied constitutional challenge to
5 Washington’s Public Disclosure Law, RCW § 42.17.010, *et seq.* (the “PDL”). Plaintiffs seek
6 declaratory and injunctive relief with respect to portions of the PDL because they violate the
7 First Amendment to the United States Constitution, as incorporated by virtue of the Fourteenth
8 Amendment to the United States Constitution. Consequently, each is unconstitutional on its face
9 and as applied to Plaintiffs John Doe #1, John Doe #2, and Protect Marriage Washington.

10 4. The rights of citizens to peaceably assemble and petition the government for redress of
11 grievances are among the fundamental rights protected by the Bill of Rights. Inherent within
12 these rights is the right of individuals to engage in anonymous speech, speech that has “played
13 an important role in the progress of mankind.” *McIntyre v. Ohio Elections Comm’n*, 514 U.S.
14 334, 341 (1995); *id.* at 343 n. 6 (citing the Federalist Papers as perhaps the most famous example
15 of anonymous writing in our nation’s political history). And as the Supreme Court has
16 recognized, there is nothing inherently suspect with an individual wanting to keep his or her
17 support for an issue private. *Id.* at 341-42 (“The decision in favor of anonymity may be
18 motivated by fear of economic or official retaliation, by concern about social ostracism, or
19 merely by a desire to preserve as much of one’s privacy as possible.”)

20 5. The public release of a referendum petition containing the names and addresses of over
21 138,500 Washington residents pursuant to Washington’s Public Records Act threatens to
22 undermine the First Amendment’s goal of encouraging “uninhibited, robust, and wide-open”
23 debate, *New York Times Co. v. Sullivan*, 376 U.S. 254, 270 (1964). By publicly disseminating the
24 names of individuals signing a referendum petition, individuals and organizations hope to make
25 it personally, economically, and politically unpopular to advocate a position that would seek to
26 preserve the sanctity of marriage, as traditionally defined as between one man and one woman.

6. Given the sensitive First Amendment rights at issue, Plaintiffs complain that the State of Washington lacks a compelling interest sufficient to justify the public disclosure of referendum petitions.

7. In the alternative, Plaintiffs complain that, if the State possesses a compelling state interest, the Public Records Act is unconstitutional because there is a reasonable probability of threats, harassment, and reprisals if the names and addresses of the petition signers are publicly released.

8. Plaintiff Protect Marriage Washington also challenges the PDL’s threshold for reporting contributions, RCW § 42.17.090(1)(b), both facially and as-applied to it, on the ground that the threshold is not narrowly tailored to serve a compelling government interest in violation of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

9. Plaintiff Protect Marriage Washington also challenges the PDL’s \$5,000 campaign contribution limit during the twenty-one days preceding a general election, RCW. § 42.17.105(8), both facially and as-applied to it, on the grounds that it is not narrowly tailored to serve a compelling government interest in violation of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. *See Citizens Against Rent Control v. Berkeley*, 454 U.S. 290, 299-300 (1981) (“*CARC*”) (holding that contribution limits are unconstitutional in the context of a referendum election).

10. Given the nature of the rights asserted, the failure to obtain injunctive relief from this Court will result in immediate and irreparable injury to Plaintiffs.

Jurisdiction and Venue

11. This case raises questions under the Constitution of the United States and 42 U.S.C. § 1983, and thus this Court has jurisdiction over all claims for relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1343(a).

12. The Western District of Washington is the proper venue for this case pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because Defendants Reed and Galarza reside in this district, Plaintiff Protect Marriage Washington has its principle place of business in this district, and Plaintiffs John Doe #1 and John Doe #2 reside in Washington.

Parties

13. Plaintiff John Doe #1 is an individual and resident of Stevens County, Washington. Plaintiff John Doe #1 signed the Referendum 71 petition.

14. Plaintiff John Doe #2 is an individual and resident of Cowlitz County, Washington. Plaintiff John Doe #2 signed the Referendum 71 petition.

15. Plaintiff Protect Marriage Washington is a State Political Committee organized pursuant to RCW § 42.17.040, to place Referendum 71 on the ballot and to encourage citizens to reject SB 5688, and has its principal place of business in Snohomish County, Washington.

16. Defendant Sam Reed is the Secretary of State of Washington. In his official capacity, Defendant Reed is responsible for receiving referendum petitions pursuant to RCW § 29A.72.010 and for making public records available pursuant to the Public Records Act. RCW § 42.56.001 *et seq.* The Office of the Secretary of State is also designated as a place where the public may file papers or correspond with the Public Disclosure Commission and receive any form or instruction from the Commission. RCW § 42.17.380.

17. Defendant Brenda Galarza is the Public Records Officer for Defendant Reed. Upon information and belief, Defendant Galarza has been appointed by Defendant Reed, pursuant to RCW § 42.56.580, to serve as the point of contact for members of the public when requesting disclosure of public records from the Secretary of State and to oversee the agency's compliance with the Public Records Act.

18. Defendant Rob McKenna is the Attorney General for the State of Washington. In his official capacity, Defendant McKenna is charged with supplying such assistance as the Public Disclosure Commission may require. RCW § 42.17.380. Defendant McKenna is also granted the authority to investigate and bring civil actions on behalf of the state for any violations of the PDL. RCW § 42.17.400.

19. Defendant Jim Clements is the Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission. Defendant Clements is sued in his official capacity and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Court. Defendants David Seabrook, Jane Noland, and Ken Schellberg are commissioners of the Public

1 Disclosure Commission. They are sued in their official capacity. The Public Disclosure
2 Commission is granted the authority to enforce the PDL, RCW § 42.17.360(7).

3 **20.** Defendant Carolyn Weikel is the Auditor of Snohomish County, Washington. In her
4 official capacity, Defendant Weikel is charged with receiving copies of reports filed by Plaintiff
5 Protect Marriage Washington. RCW §§ 42.17.040(1) & 42.17.040(2).

6 **Facts**

7 **21.** Pursuant to Wash. Const. art. II, § 1(b), the referendum power is reserved by the people
8 of Washington State.

9 **22.** The referendum power grants Washington citizens the right to call a referendum on any
10 act, bill, law, or any part thereof passed by the legislature by submitting a petition to that effect
11 to the Secretary of State. Wash. Const. art. II, § 1(b).

12 **23.** If a petition submitted to the Secretary of State contains at least four percent of the
13 votes cast for the office of governor at the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of the
14 referendum petition, the effective date of the act, bill, law, or any part thereof is delayed until the
15 electorate has an opportunity to vote on the referendum. Wash. Const. art. II, §§ 1(b) & (d).

16 **24.** An act, bill, law, or any part thereof, subject to a referendum, becomes law only if a
17 majority of the votes cast are in favor of the referendum. Wash. Const. art. II, § 1(d).

18 **25.** On January 28, 2009, Washington State Senator Ed Murray introduced Senate Bill
19 5688 (“SB 5688”), a bill designed to expand the rights, responsibilities, and obligations accorded
20 state-registered same-sex and senior domestic partners to be equivalent to those of married
21 spouses. The legislation is commonly referred to simply as the “everything but marriage”
22 domestic partnership bill.

23 **26.** On March 10, 2009, after various amendments, the Washington Senate passed Second
24 Substitute Senate Bill 5688.

25 **27.** On April 15, 2009, the Washington House of Representatives passed Second Substitute
26 Senate Bill 5688.

1 **28.** On or about May 4, 2009, Larry Stickney filed notice with the Secretary of State of his
2 intent to circulate a referendum petition related to SB 5688. The Secretary of State assigned the
3 title "Referendum 71."

4 **29.** On or about May 13, 2009, Protect Marriage Washington organized as a State Political
5 Committee pursuant to RCW § 42.17.040.

6 **30.** Protect Marriage Washington's purpose is to circulate a referendum petition on SB
7 5688 and to encourage voters to reject SB 5688.

8 **31.** Larry Stickney is the campaign manager of Protect Marriage Washington.

9 **32.** As the campaign manager for Protect Marriage Washington, Larry Stickney has
10 received a large number of emails from people who disagree with his position on marriage. True
11 and correct copies of some of these emails are attached to this Complaint as Exhibit 1. Some of
12 these emails are threatening and/or harassing. For example, one threatening email states: "You
13 better stay off the olympic peninsula. . it's a very dangerous place filled with people who hate
14 racists, gay bashers and anyone who doesn't believe in equality. Fair is fair." Another email
15 threatened the signers of the Referendum 71 petition with boycotts: "We shall boycott the
16 businesses of EVERYONE who signs your odious, bigoted petition." Other emails are offensive
17 and harassing: "Dear God fearing hate mongerers - . . . Maybe you just want to feel a cock in
18 your ass and hate yourself for it. Whatever. Praise Jeebus you retarded fuckholes!"

19 **33.** These threats have caused Larry Stickney a great deal of worry for his safety and the
20 safety of his family.

21 **34.** Early in the campaign to circulate the Referendum 71 petition, Larry Stickney made his
22 children sleep in an interior living room because he feared for their safety if they slept in their
23 own bedrooms.

24 **35.** In late June an individual was seen taking pictures of Larry Stickney's home while his
25 daughter played outside.

26 **36.** Larry Stickney filed a complaint with his local sheriff because of threats on a local blog.
27 One of the blog posts stated: "If Larry Stickney can do 'legal' things that harm OUR family, why
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1 can't we go to Arlington, WA to harm his family?" A true and correct copy of Larry Stickney's
2 email correspondence with the Sheriff is attached to the Complaint as Exhibit 2.

3 **37.** Larry Stickney has also received threatening and harassing phone calls from individuals
4 in the middle of the night. For example, shortly after Referendum 71 was presented to the
5 Secretary of State on May 4, 2009, he received a phone call at 2:00 a.m. from a woman who
6 sounded frantic and deranged, and who said various obscene and vile things to him.

7 **38.** Since Referendum 71 was submitted to the Secretary of State for review on May 4,
8 2009, numerous news sources and blogs have focused their attention on intimate details of Larry
9 Stickney's personal life. For example, "The Stranger," an alternative Seattle newspaper,
10 published details of his divorce that occurred fifteen years ago. A true and correct copy of that
11 article is attached to this Complaint as Exhibit 3.

12 **39.** On May 18, 2009, Washington Governor Christine Gregoire signed Engrossed Second
13 Substitute Senate Bill 5688.¹

14 **40.** Upon information and belief, the group WhoSigned.org threatened to publish the names
15 of every individual signing the Referendum 71 petition on or about June 1, 2009.

16 **41.** Upon information and belief, Plaintiffs believe that WhoSigned.org intends to make an
17 end-run around RCW § 29A.72.230 (prohibiting proponents and opponents of a referendum
18 petition from making records of the names, addresses, and other information on the petition
19 during the verification and canvass process), by requesting copies of the petitions submitted
20 pursuant to Washington's Public Records Act, RCW § 42.56.001 *et seq.*

21 **42.** On or about June 2, 2009, Dave Ammons, communications director for Defendant
22 Reed, posted a blog entry on the Secretary of State's website suggesting that the Secretary of
23 State intended to comply with WhoSigned.org's Public Records request. A true and correct copy
24 of that blog post is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.

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28 ¹ The enacted legislation subject to the referendum petition will be referred to simply as SB 5688.

1 **43.** On or about June 9, 2009, the group KnowThyNeighbor.org issued a joint press release
2 with WhoSigned.org again threatening to publish the names on the internet of every individual
3 signing the Referendum 71 petition.

4 **44.** KnowThyNeighbor.org and WhoSigned.org have publicly stated that they intend to
5 publish the names of petition signers on the internet and to make the names searchable.

6 **45.** KnowThyNeighbor.org and WhoSigned.org have stated that the purpose of placing the
7 names on the internet is to encourage individuals to contact any person who signed the
8 Referendum 71 petition.

9 **46.** The news media has widely reported that KnowThyNeighbor.org and WhoSigned.org
10 intend to publish the names of any individual who signs the petition on the internet.

11 **47.** On Saturday, July 25, 2009, Protect Marriage Washington submitted the petition with
12 over 138,500 signatures to Defendant Reed, exceeding the number of signatures necessary to
13 place a referendum question on the ballot.

14 **48.** By filing the petition, Plaintiffs have delayed the effective date of SB 5688. If the
15 Secretary of State determines that petition contains a sufficient number of valid signatures, SB
16 5688 will become law only if a majority of Washington residents vote to “approve” the bill at the
17 next general election.

18 **49.** Defendant Reed is responsible for verifying and canvassing the signatures on the
19 Referendum 71 petition. Proponents and opponents of Referendum 71 are permitted to have
20 representatives present during the verification and canvass process. The statute prohibits
21 proponents and opponents who are observing the verification and canvass process from making
22 any records of the names, addresses, or other information contained on the petitions. RCW §
23 29A.72.230.

24 **50.** Plaintiff Protect Marriage Washington, and its officers and directors have been subject
25 to threats, harassment, and reprisals while attempting to gather the signatures necessary to place
26 Referendum 71 on the ballot.

27 **51.** Petition circulators have been subjected to threats, harassment, and reprisals as they
28 attempted to obtain the signatures necessary to place Referendum 71 on the ballot.

1 **52.** Defendant Galarza has stated that referendum petitions are “public records” within the
2 meaning of RCW § 42.56.10(2) and are subject to public disclosure pursuant to RCW §
3 42.56.070.

4 **53.** Given the threats, harassment, and reprisals directed at Plaintiff Protect Marriage
5 Washington, petition signers, and supporters of a traditional definition of marriage across the
6 country, there is a reasonable probability that the disclosure of those who signed the Referendum
7 71 petition, including disclosure of the addresses of petition signers, will result in threats,
8 harassment, and reprisals.

9 **54.** The threatened publication of the petitions has created an environment that discourages
10 Washington citizens from exercising their First Amendment rights to participate in the
11 referendum process.

12 **55.** The threatened publication of the petitions discourages individuals and organizations
13 from exercising their First Amendment rights to support the effort to encourage Washington
14 citizens to reject SB 5688.

15 **56.** Persons would like to contribute more than \$5,000 to Protect Marriage Washington
16 during the twenty-one days preceding the campaign, and Protect Marriage Washington would
17 like receive contributions in excess of \$5,000 during the twenty-one days preceding the election.

18 **57.** Potential donors to Protect Marriage Washington have indicated that they are unwilling
19 to donate if Protect Marriage Washington is required to report their name and address pursuant
20 to the PDL.

21 **58.** Protect Marriage Washington has received contributions in excess of \$25 and is
22 required to report the name and address of those contributors.

23 **59.** Protect Marriage Washington has received contributions in excess of \$100 and is
24 required to report the occupation, employer, and employer’s address of those contributors.

25 **The Washington Public Disclosure Law**

26 **60.** The PDL defines a “political committee” in relevant part as “any person having the
27 expectation of receiving contributions or making expenditures in support of, or opposition to,
28 any candidate or any ballot proposition.” RCW § 42.17.020(39).

1 **61.** “Ballot proposition” is defined in relevant part as “any . . . initiative, recall, or
2 referendum proposition proposed to be submitted to the voters of the state.” RCW §
3 42.17.020(4).

4 **62.** “Person” is defined as “an individual, partnership, joint venture, public or private
5 corporation, association, federal, state, or local governmental entity or agency however
6 constituted, candidate, committee, political committee, political party, executive committee
7 thereof, or any other organization or group of persons, however organize.” RCW §
8 42.17.020(36).

9 **63.** “Contribution” is defined broadly and includes legal and professional services
10 performed on a *pro bono* basis to a political committee. RCW § 42.17.020(15); Wash. Admin.
11 Code 390-17-405(2). *See also* Public Disclosure Commission, *2009 Campaign Disclosure*
12 *Instructions*, at 24 & 31 (July 2009).

13 **64.** The PDL imposes numerous record keeping and reporting requirements on political
14 committees, including, but not limited to: registration statements, campaign statements, political
15 advertising reports, identification of major contributors on political advertising, late contribution
16 reports, and major donor reports. *See* RCW §§ 42.17.040 (registration statement); 42.17.080
17 (campaign statements); 42.17.510 (identification of sponsors); 42.17.105 (late contribution
18 reports); 42.17.180 (major donor reports).

19 **65.** Protect Marriage Washington and major donors are required to file reports with the
20 Public Disclosure Commission and the local county auditor or elections officer. *See, e.g.*, RCW
21 §§ 42.17.040(1) & 42.17.080(1).

22 **66.** The Public Disclosure Commission is required to keep copies of reports for ten years.
23 RCW § 42.17.450. All other recipients of reports (*i.e.* county auditor or elections officer) are
24 required to keep copies for six years. RCW § 42.17.450.

25 **67.** Pursuant to RCW § 42.17.3691, a political committee that expects to expend more than
26 \$10,000 in the current year must file all reports electronically with the Commission. RCW §
27 42.17.3691.

1 **68.** All statements and reports filed in accordance with the PDL are public records of the
2 agency where they are filed and must be made available to the public during normal business
3 hours. RCW § 42.17.440.

4 **69.** Pursuant to RCW § 42.17.080(5), a political committee must make its books and
5 accounts available for public inspection during the eight days preceding the election.

6 **70.** Pursuant to RCW § 42.17.367, the Public Disclosure Commission is required to make
7 copies of all statements and reports available on the internet. *See also* [http://www.pdc.wa.gov/](http://www.pdc.wa.gov/QuerySystem/Default.aspx)
8 [QuerySystem/Default.aspx](http://www.pdc.wa.gov/QuerySystem/Default.aspx).

9 **71.** RCW § 42.17.090 provides, in relevant part, that each report required under RCW §
10 42.17.080 shall disclose:

11 the *name and address* of each person who has made one or more contributions during the
12 period, together with the money value and date of such contributions and the aggregate
13 value of all contributions received from each such person during the campaign . . .
14 PROVIDED FURTHER, That contributions of no more than twenty-five dollars in the
aggregate from any one person during the election campaign may be reported as one lump
sum so long as the campaign treasurer maintains a separate and private list of the name,
address, and amount of each such contributor

15 RCW § 42.17.090 (emphasis added).

16 **72.** Pursuant to Wash. Admin. Code 390-16-034, all reports required under RCW §
17 42.17.080 shall also disclose the occupation, employer's name, and employer's address of each
18 person who has made one or more contributions in the aggregate amount of more than \$100.
19 Wash. Admin. Code 390-16-034 (emphasis added).

20 **73.** Furthermore, the PDL provides that:
21 it is a violation of this chapter for any person to make, or for any candidate or political
22 committee to accept from any one person, contributions reportable under RCW 42.17.090
23 in the aggregate . . . exceeding five thousand dollars for any other campaign subject to the
provisions of this chapter within twenty-one days of a general election.
24 RCW § 42.17.105(8).

25 **74.** Any person who violates a provision of the PDL is subject to civil fines and sanctions.
26 RCW § 42.17.390. The PDL authorizes treble damages, RCW § 42.17.400(5), and provides that
27 the State may be awarded attorney's fees and costs of investigation and trial in a successful
28 action. RCW § 42.17.400(5).

1 **75.** Plaintiffs have suffered, or will suffer, irreparable harm if the requested relief is not
2 granted.

3 **Legal Arguments Common to Plaintiffs' Claims**

4 **76.** “The First Amendment is the pillar of a profound national commitment to the principle
5 that debate on public issues should be uninhibited, robust, and wide-open . . .” *Mont. Right to*
6 *Life v. Eddlemann*, 999 F. Supp. 1380, 1384 (D. Mont. 1998).

7 **77.** “In the free society ordained by our Constitution it is not the government, but the
8 people—individually as citizens and candidates and collectively as associations and political
9 committees—who must retain control over the quantity and range of debate on public issues in a
10 political campaign.” *Buckley v. Valeo*, 424 U.S. 1, 57 (1976).

11 **78.** In *Buckley*, the Supreme Court held that any significant encroachment on First
12 Amendment rights, such as those imposed by compelled disclosure provisions, must survive
13 exacting scrutiny, which requires the government to craft a narrowly tailored law to serve a
14 compelling government interest. *Buckley*, 424 U.S. at 64.

15 **79.** The Supreme Court has recognized that the principles applied in *Buckley* apply as
16 forcefully to activities surrounding the referenda process. *See Buckley v. Am. Constitutional Law*
17 *Found.*, 525 U.S. 182, 192 (1999) (“[T]he First Amendment requires us to be vigilant in making
18 those judgments, to guard against undue hindrances to political conversations and the exchange
19 of ideas. We therefore detail why we are satisfied that . . . the restrictions in question
20 significantly inhibit communication with voters about proposed political change, and are not
21 warranted by the state interests (administrative efficiency, fraud detection, informing voters)
22 alleged to justify those restrictions.”) (internal citations omitted); *CARC*, 454 U.S. at 295
23 (applying *Buckley*’s contribution limit analysis in the context of ballot measure elections).

24 **80.** The Public Records Act, in so far as it results in the public disclosure of the names and
25 addresses of petition signers, results in compelled political speech.

26 **81.** The PDL also results in compelled political speech.
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1 **82.** The Supreme Court has repeatedly reaffirmed that “compelled disclosure, in itself, can
2 seriously infringe on privacy of association and belief guaranteed by the First Amendment.”
3 *Davis v. FEC*, 128 S. Ct. 2759, 2774-75 (2008) (quoting *Buckley*, 424 U.S. at 64.

4 **83.** To survive exacting scrutiny, the Public Records Act and the PDL must be narrowly
5 tailored to serve a compelling government interest. *Buckley*, 424 U.S. at 64.

6 **84.** The burden is on the State to demonstrate that the Public Records Act and the PDL are
7 narrowly tailored to serve a compelling state interest. *Cal. Pro-Life Council, Inc. v. Randolph*,
8 507 F.3d 1172, 1178 (9th Cir. 2007) (citing *Republican Party of Minnesota v. White*, 536 U.S.
9 765, 774-75 (2002)).

10 **85.** In the context of the First Amendment, the usual deference granted to the legislature
11 does “not foreclose [a court’s] independent judgment of the facts bearing on an issue of
12 constitutional law.” *Turner Broad. Sys. v. FEC*, 512 U.S. 622, 666 (1994) (internal citations
13 omitted). The Court’s role is to ensure that the legislature “has drawn *reasonable inferences*
14 based on *substantial* evidence.” *Id.* (emphasis added).

15 **86.** The Supreme Court has stated that three governmental interests may justify campaign
16 disclosure laws if the regulations are narrowly tailored to serve those interests. *Buckley*, 424 U.S.
17 at 66-68 (identifying a “informational interest,” a “corruption interest,” and an “enforcement
18 interest.”).

19 **87.** However, *Buckley* involved only candidate elections, and the courts have clarified that
20 the “corruption” and “enforcement” interests are inapplicable in the context of referenda
21 elections. *Bellotti*, 435 U.S. at 790. (“The risk of corruption perceived in cases involving
22 candidate elections simply is not present in a popular vote on a public issue.”); *Cal. Pro-Life*
23 *Council, Inc. v. Getman*, 328 F.3d 1088, 1105 n. 23 (“The interest in collecting data to detect
24 violations also does not apply since there is no cap on ballot-measure contributions . . .”).

25 **88.** The Ninth Circuit recently held that compelled disclosure of *de minimis* support of a
26 referenda is also unconstitutional under the First Amendment. See *Canyon Ferry Road Baptist*
27 *Church of East Helena, Inc. v. Unsworth*, 556 F.3d 1021, 1033 (9th Cir. 2009).

1 **89.** The Supreme Court has also indicated that limits and thresholds that are not indexed for
2 inflation “will almost inevitable become too low over time.” *Randall v. Sorrell*, 548 U.S. 230,
3 261 (2006).

4 **90.** Furthermore, even if the Public Records Act or the PDL are narrowly tailored to serve a
5 compelling government interest, they remain unconstitutional because the compelled disclosure
6 that will occur will result in a reasonable probability of threats, harassment, and reprisals. *See*
7 *Brown v. Socialist Workers ‘74 Campaign Comm.*, 459 U.S. 87 (1982) (applying the reasonable-
8 probability test announced in *Buckley*, 424 U.S. at 73).

9 **Count I – The Public Records Act is Unconstitutional As Applied to**
10 **Referendum Petitions**

11 **91.** Plaintiffs incorporate here by reference paragraphs one through eighty-eight (88),
12 *supra*, as if fully set forth herein.

13 **92.** The Public Records Act violates the First Amendment as applied to referendum
14 petitions because the Public Records Act is not narrowly tailored to serve a compelling
15 government interest.

16 **93.** WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request the following relief:

- 17 **a.** Declare RCW § 42.56.070 unconstitutional to the extent that it requires the Secretary of
18 State to make referendum petitions submitted to the Secretary of State’s office available to
19 the public;
20 **b.** Enjoin Defendants from making referendum petitions available to the public pursuant to
21 the Public Records Act, RCW § 42.56.001 *et seq.*, or otherwise;
22 **c.** Grant Plaintiffs John Doe #1, John Doe #2, and Protect Marriage Washington their
23 costs and attorneys fees under 42 U.S.C. § 1988 and any other applicable authority; and
24 **d.** Any and all other such relief as may be just and equitable.
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1 **Count II – The Public Records Act is Unconstitutional As Applied to**
2 **the Referendum 71 Petition Because There is a Reasonable**
3 **Probability of Threats, Harassment, and Reprisals**

4 94. Plaintiffs incorporate here by reference paragraphs one through eighty-eight (88),
5 *supra*, as if fully set forth herein.

6 95. In the alternative, the Public Records Act is unconstitutional as applied to the
7 Referendum 71 petition because there is a reasonable probability that the signatories of the
8 Referendum 71 petition will be subjected to threats, harassment, and reprisals.

9 96. WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request the following relief:

10 a. Declare RCW § 42.56.070 unconstitutional to the extent that it requires the Secretary of
11 State to make the Referendum 71 petition, or any petition related to the definition or
12 marriage or the rights and responsibilities that should be accorded to same-sex couples,
13 submitted to the Secretary of State's office available to the public;

14 b. Enjoin Defendants from making the Referendum 71 petition, or any petition related to
15 the definition or marriage or the rights and responsibilities that should be accorded to same-
16 sex couples, available to the public pursuant to the Public Records Act, RCW § 42.56.001 *et*
17 *seq.*, or otherwise;

18 c. Grant Plaintiffs John Doe #1, John Doe #2, and Protect Marriage Washington their costs
19 and attorneys fees under 42 U.S.C. § 1988 and any other applicable authority; and

20 d. Any and all other such relief as may be just and equitable.

21 **Count III — The Public Disclosure Law's Requirement that Political**
22 **Committees Report All Contributors of \$25 or More is Unconstitutional**

23 97. Plaintiffs incorporate here by reference paragraphs one through eighty-eight (88),
24 *supra*, as if fully set forth herein.

25 98. The PDL's requirement that political committees report the name and address of all
26 contributors of more than \$25, and the occupation, employer, and employer's address of
27 contributors of more than \$100, violates the First Amendment because the disclosure thresholds
28 are not narrowly tailored to serve a compelling government interest.

1 **99.** WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request the following relief:

2 **a.** Declare RCW § 42.17.090 unconstitutional to the extent that it requires Protect
3 Marriage Washington and all other similar persons to report the name and address of
4 contributors of more than twenty-five dollars;

5 **b.** Declare Wash. Admin. Code 390-16-034 unconstitutional to the extent that it requires a
6 Protect Marriage Washington and all other similar persons to report the occupation,
7 employer, and employer's address of contributions of more than one hundred dollars;

8 **c.** Order Defendants to expunge all records containing the name, address, occupation,
9 employer, and/or employer's address for any contributor reported pursuant to RCW §
10 42.17.090 and/or Wash. Admin. Code 390-16-034;

11 **d.** Enjoin Defendants from commencing any civil actions for failing to comply with RCW
12 § 42.17.090(1)(b) or Wash. Admin. Code 390-16-034;

13 **e.** Grant Plaintiffs John Doe #1, John Doe #2, and Protect Marriage Washington their
14 costs and attorneys fees under 42 U.S.C. § 1988 and any other applicable authority; and

15 **f.** Any and all other such relief as may be just and equitable.

16 **Count IV — The Public Disclosure Law's Prohibition on Aggregate**
17 **Contributions Exceeding \$5,000 to a Single Political Committee During**
18 **the Twenty-One Days Preceding an Election is Unconstitutional As**
19 **Applied to Referenda Elections**

20 **100.** Plaintiffs incorporate here by reference paragraphs one through eighty-eight (88),
21 *supra*, as if fully set forth herein.

22 **101.** The PDL's \$5,000 contribution limit during the twenty-one days preceding a
23 referendum elections violates the First Amendment because it is not narrowly tailored to serve a
24 compelling government interest.

25 **102.** WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request the following relief:

26 **a.** Declare RCW § 42.17.105(8) unconstitutional to the extent that it prohibits Protect
27 Marriage Washington and all other similar persons from receiving contributions in excess of
28 \$5,000 during the twenty-one days preceding a ballot proposition election;

- 1 **b.** Enjoin Defendants from enforcing RCW § 42.17.105(8) against Protect Marriage
2 Washington and all other similar persons;
- 3 **c.** Grant Plaintiffs John Doe #1, John Doe #2, and Protect Marriage Washington their
4 costs and attorneys fees under 42 U.S.C. § 1988 and any other applicable authority; and
- 5 **d.** Any and all other such relief as may be just and equitable.

6 **Count V — The Public Disclosure Law is Unconstitutional As Applied**
7 **to Plaintiff Protect Marriage Washington Because There is a**
8 **Reasonable Probability of Threats, Harassment, and Reprisals**

9 **103.** Plaintiffs incorporate here by reference paragraphs one through eighty-eight (88),
10 *supra*, as if fully set forth herein.

11 **104.** There is a reasonable probability that the disclosure of the identities of persons
12 supporting Referendum 71 will be subjected to threats, harassment, and reprisals if their names,
13 addresses, occupations, employers, and employers' addresses are disclosed.

14 **105.** The continued availability of any reports already filed creates a reasonable
15 probability that any individual identified on those reports will be subjected to threats,
16 harassment, and reprisals.

17 **Prayer for Relief**

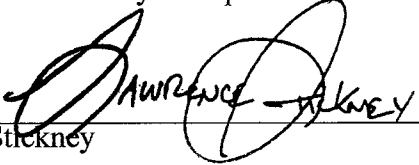
18 **106.** WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request the following relief:

- 19 **a.** Declare all registration, reporting, and disclaimer requirements unconstitutional as
20 applied to Plaintiffs and all other persons holding a similar view;
- 21 **b.** Enjoin Defendants from enforcing all registration, reporting, and disclaimer
22 requirements against Plaintiffs and all other persons holding a similar view;
- 23 **c.** Order Defendants to expunge all records filed by Plaintiffs, and all of their contents,
24 together with all records of Plaintiffs and all other persons holding a similar view;
- 25 **d.** Grant Plaintiffs John Doe #1, John Doe #2, and Protect Marriage Washington their
26 costs and attorneys fees under 42 U.S.C. § 1988 and any other applicable authority; and
- 27 **e.** Any and all other such relief as may be just and equitable.
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Verification

I SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) UNDER THE PENALTIES FOR PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES THAT THE FOREGOING STATEMENTS CONCERNING ME IN THIS FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING.

Dated this 25th day of September, 2009.


Larry Stickney

1 Dated this 25th day of September, 2009.

2 Respectfully submitted,

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4 /s/ Scott F. Bieniek

5 James Bopp, Jr. (Ind. Bar No. 2838-84)*
6 Sarah E. Troupis (Wis. Bar No. 1061515)*
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(812) 232-2434

From: "kl m" <klm68@live.com>
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2009 3:36 PM
To: <lstickney@valuesaction.org>
Subject: RE: same-sex marriage

Hi Larry - thanks for that. It's interesting. But I'm sure you understand that that's the legal device used to grant equal rights to everyone, regardless of their sexual orientation. The law won't authorize gay people to go around saying they're married -- nor will it prohibit them from doing so, as some already do. And of course, some *did* get married, in California, Massachusetts, Canada, The Netherlands, Belgium, Spain and, that paragon of equal rights, South Africa.

In any case, I fail to see why it should matter to me what words someone else uses to describe their relationship.

And I wonder, has anyone in your organization ever been divorced?

with regards,

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From: lstickney@valuesaction.org
To: klm68@live.com
Subject: RE: same-sex marriage
Date: Tue, 5 May 2009 08:23:57 -0700

Him Kim,

I think you should read the bill and then try to argue if marriage is or is not mentioned in SB5688. In fact, the exact wording from the bill is:

24 the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow,
25 widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying
26 equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in
27 state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital
28 relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of
29 marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships
30 that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent
31 that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where
32 necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband
33 and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to
34 be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered
35 domestic partnerships.

If you would like to read straight from the Washington State Legislature website go to the following link:
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/billdocs/2009-10/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Passed%20Legislature/5688-S2.PL.pdf>

LARRY STICKNEY
President

Washington Value Alliance
<http://www.valuesaction.org/>

From: klm [mailto:klm68@live.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2009 12:24 AM
To: info@valuesaction.org
Subject: same-sex marriage

Sender details:

Name: klm
E-mail: klm68@live.com
IP address: 71.37.40.232
browser: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; U; Intel Mac OS X 10.5; en-US; rv:1.9.0.8) Gecko/2009032608
Firefox/3.0.8

I don't understand. I read that good Christians are should oppose marriage of people of the same sex. The bill passed in Washington only says that all people should have the same rights, regardless of sexual orientation. It doesn't say "marriage." So how is granting equal rights a threat to marriage? I suppose you do know that the Canadian law C-250 applies only a) to public speech, b) that is intended to incite violence, c) against members of a particular group _because_ they belong to that particular group. Does your god want you to lie in order to impose your particular reading of the Bible? Same-sex relationships _and_ global cooling? If I were a cartoonist, I don't think I could invent characters like you folks.

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From: "Cal Mosher" <realcalm@yahoo.com>
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2009 3:53 PM
To: <lstickney@valuesaction.org>
Subject: Defense of marriage?

Sender details:

Name: Cal Mosher
E-mail: realcalm@yahoo.com
IP address: 131.191.39.146
browser: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.1; SV1; .NET CLR 1.0.3705; NET CLR 1.1.4322; Media Center PC 4.0)

Defense of marriage? I'm sure you are meaning well. But, if you're truly interested in defending marriage why don't you WANT same sex couples to marry? In the eyes of God is your marriage really more important than theirs? My GOD would tell me to mind my own business and to never pass judgment on another. Denying another human being the same rights I enjoy is not my God's plan for me. Or for you.. I hope. I believe you are misguided. Cal

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From: "Ulah Sloane" <ulahsloane@msn.com>
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2009 4:24 PM
To: <info@valuesaction.org>
Subject: Question

Sender details:

Name: Ulah Sloane
E-mail: ulahsloane@msn.com
IP address: 198.238.119.116
browser: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.1; SV1; .NET CLR 1.1.4322; InfoPath.1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.4506.2152; .NET CLR 3.5.30729)

I am a heterosexual woman who is mightily confused by your campaign against benefits for same sex couples. Nobody is trying to take anything away from me with those benefits. If it is about a religious stance, don't you think you could accomplish more by witnessing to salvation through faith than by opposing equal rights for someone who may or may not already know about that. I am a Christian and I am sad that so many people would rather oppose other points of view than carry the message. Just thought I'd ask.

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From: "Teresa Morrison" <tkmorrison@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2009 4:36 PM
To: <lstickney@valuesaction.org>
Subject: Website Message for Larry

Sender details:

Name: Teresa Morrison
E-mail: tkmorrison@sbcglobal.net
IP address: 64.60.15.18
browser: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; U; PPC Mac OS X 10_4_11; en) AppleWebKit/525.27.1 (KHTML, like Gecko) Version/3.2.1 Safari/525.27.1

How could anyone look at the economic and emotional toll Prop. 8 has taken on California and want to repeat it in their own state? It was pure destruction, for both sides, and subjected a small minority to the painful humiliation of having their rights put to a popular vote. One class of people using their right to vote to take rights away from another class is simply un-American. You can still opt for Christian neutrality, and graciously abide as those who love one another are allowed the simple dignities of private lives as they exercise their rights to transfer property and make major medical decisions for one another during difficult times. Anything more or less is abject cruelty.

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From: "Richard Bosler" <rbosler@msn.com>
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2009 5:36 PM
To: <info@valuesaction.org>
Subject: Civil Rights

Sender details:

Name: Richard Bosler
E-mail: rbosler@msn.com
IP address: 99.11.107.89
browser: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 5.1; .NET CLR 1.1.4322; .NET CLR 2.0.50727)

Your attempt to override the new law which does nothing other than provide basic civil right all in the state, including gays, paints you with the same stripe that runs down the back of the Taliban. Call it what you want, cover it how you will, it is the same - our way or the highway. Have you forgotten what Christ said when he told his followers what the two greatest commandments are? And he did NOT add qualifications or conditions, the two things that those who claim to be Christians do and do it with a straight face. Evilness and cruelty comes in one shade - SHADOW and that is the color that you wear very well. A closed mind, and empty mind, a narrow mind is a waste. And contrary to popular opinion, thinking doesn't make one's hair hurt so it is not necessary to let others do your thinking for you.

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From: "Ruben Lozano" <ruben.lozano.a@gmail.com>
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2009 7:03 PM
To: <info@valuesaction.org>
Subject: Traditional Values

Sender details:

Name: Ruben Lozano
E-mail: ruben.lozano.a@gmail.com
IP address: 131.107.0.112
browser: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows; U; Windows NT 6.1; en-US) AppleWebKit/525.19 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/1.0.154.59 Safari/525.19

"Traditional Values" is such an interesting concept used by modern press. A tradition does not become a value for being a tradition, and a value does not become a tradition for being a value. The importance of values is intrinsic to their definition -- no tradition is required to support it. Honesty is a value, no matter how long a society has been practicing it. Traditions, on the other hand -- do not require any value to become a tradition. The supremacy of men over women could be a tradition in many societies, but never a value, no matter how many centuries has been practiced. There are positive and negative values, as well as positive and negative traditions. Linking both concepts and concluding that a tradition becomes a positive value for being a tradition is in-co-he-rent. I'm so sad to realize organizations as yours still exist in this world. You have so much initiative and energy, and instead of using it to do something good for other human beings -- you fight to impose simple ideas you do not even understand. Look around and realize how beautiful the world is. There are so many real problems and you prefer to spend your time trying to stop people to be happy -- that makes me sad. I know this message will be ignored -- but I can't just stay quiet. I just want to let you know that it is such a waste of time and energy to oppose the bill that grants more benefits to same-sex domestic partners -- work on education, help the poor, be entrepreneurial: do something valuable with your skills and start a positive tradition.

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From: "Im not telling" <uroborus4444@yahoo.com>
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2009 7:38 PM
To: <info@valuesaction.org>
Subject: I support marriage equality

Sender details:

Name: Im not telling
E-mail: uroborus4444@yahoo.com
IP address: 66.235.57.229
browser: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; U; Intel Mac OS X 10.5; en-US; rv:1.9.0.10) Gecko/2009042315
Firefox/3.0.10

I just want you to count me among those who oppose you. Good luck with the campaign. I look forward to kicking your ass. Sincerely, None of your business

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From: "Nick" <number_111@hotmail.com>
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2009 8:20 PM
To: <lstickney@valuesaction.org>
Subject: Website Message for Larry

Sender details:

Name: Nick
E-mail: number_111@hotmail.com
IP address: 24.67.91.53
browser: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows; U; Windows NT 6.0; en-US; rv:1.9.0.10) Gecko/2009042316
Firefox/3.0.10

What a terrible hateful bigot of a man you are. No wonder so many outside of America pity people like you. I'm glad I live in a country where zealots like you have no say in what goes on in people's personal lives. I pity you and the hate you must have inside to campaign against something that brings loved ones closer together. Desplicable.

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From: "no one who is your friend." <rockettrike@rocketmail.com>
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2009 8:22 PM
To: <info@valuesaction.org>
Subject: who you are

Sender details:

Name: no one who is your friend.
E-mail: rockettrike@rocketmail.com
IP address: 66.235.27.129
browser: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; U; PPC Mac OS X; en) AppleWebKit/523.12 (KHTML, like Gecko)
Version/3.0.4 Safari/523.12

You better stay off the olympic peninsula.. it's a very dangerous place filled with people who hate racists, gay bashers and anyone who doesn't believe in equality. fair is fair

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From: "William Rogers RN (Ret.)" <rogers.w@charter.net>
Date: Tuesday, May 05, 2009 10:50 PM
To: <info@valuesaction.org>
Subject: Same-gender marriage

Sender details:

Name: William Rogers RN (Ret.)

E-mail: rogers.w@charter.net

IP address: 97.90.65.85

browser: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 5.1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.4506.2152; .NET CLR 3.5.30729; yie8)

You are quite wrong in saying that only SEattlites support gay marriage, I live over here in Selah, I know many gays and lesbians who live here, and though I wouldn't personally choose marriage, (esp. given the disgrced state heterosexuals have gioven the word) , I fully suipport the right of two same gender people to marry- gays pay taxes just like you do sir, they go to your churches, patronize your businesses, in short, they should have the same rights as any other person in this country. I am an evangelical Christian, but I find your own agenda to be pretty anti-Christ- , I mean even the Lord gives us a choice whether to choose Him or not, why do you think you can take those same choices away from citizens YOU don't like? You are as guilty as any homosexual as we all are of being sinners, and but for the grace of God and his atonement on Calvary, YOU would be damned just as soon as any gay man or lesbian. How do you dare to trample on the same love God has shown you? Do you REALLY think hating people ios the way Jesus would have attracted sinners-? I see no anger on Christ's part except against the "religious" establishment of His day- ie: Pharisees, Saducees etc. How do we become so blind that we think Jesus was only addressing "those" people. The Lord might just as well be holding a mirror up to your organization as he proclaims the woes on the Pharisees. To use church as an excuse is a red herring, what is more of a choice than which denomination and religion you you espouse? To set up one's church's doctrine against another is tantamount to a State Church. Ist Amendment expressly forbids the establishment of a state religion while also forbidding the right to freely practice those same religions. So, sir, which denmomination? Shall be a nation of Pentecostals? Baptists? Roman Catholic? WHICH ONE!? Your organization makes me embarassed to be called a Christian! No wonder people hate us!When church and state are one everybody loses, the people and the church becomes corrupt- look to your history sir! Salem 1992 and before- quakers put to death, dissenters exiled to fairly certain death in the wilderness. You are all nothing more than wolves in sheeps clothing and I count you all accursed by God for lack of love and your hardness of heart! Shame on you all! Sincerely concerned! and btw there is a local Baptist pastor who does support those rights so you see, it's NOT JUST Seattle! William Rogers RN (Ret.) Selah, Wa

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From: "Dinei Leao" <dleo1@yahoo.com>
Date: Wednesday, May 06, 2009 10:34 AM
To: <info@valuesaction.org>
Subject: Defense of Marriage

Sender details:

Name: Dinei Leao
E-mail: dleo1@yahoo.com
IP address: 208.121.93.121
browser: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.1; SV1)

Your survey on Defense of marriage is ridiculous. What are you defending from? Same sex marriage does not alterates the current marriage, just adds another minority group to it. Equal Rights for All!

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Version: 8.5.323 / Virus Database: 270.12.19/2099 - Release Date: 05/05/09 13:07:00

From: "Robert Teichman" <teichmarsh1@mac.com>
Date: Thursday, May 07, 2009 10:43 AM
To: <lstickney@valuesaction.org>

One fact you don't seem to understand is that we enjoy living in a democracy, so trying sell your theocratic values is not very patriotic.
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Version: 8.5.325 / Virus Database: 270.12.21/2101 - Release Date: 05/06/09 17:58:00

From: "Chad Gilbert" <chadgilbert1@earthlink.net>
Date: Thursday, May 07, 2009 11:19 AM
To: <lstickney@valuesaction.org>
Subject: Website Message for Larry

Sender details:

Name: Chad Gilbert
E-mail: chadgilbert1@earthlink.net
IP address: 204.194.168.47
browser: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 5.1; Trident/4.0; .NET CLR 1.1.4322; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; MSN Optimized;US)

I'm very disapointed in you. Your efforts to stop gay people from the pursuit of happiness is downright shameful. I'm not sure how you call your hatred a "value", but it does nothing but make this world a worse place to live. I'm not going to attack your family, I don't know them. I don't know you either, all I know is that the cause you champion is one that is born of hatred and serves no good purpose. You can find the hatred in your own literature. In your "8 good reasons" you cite a fear of losing your right to insult people and use hate speech, is this really what your church teaches today? You also cite a fear that schools won't teach hatred. Fear and hatred, if these are your values, I suggest you spend more time figuring out what God really wants you to do with your time. I'm very sorry about what ever happened to you to foster such fear and hatred. Chad Gilbert

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From: "George and Stephen Miller-Zauner" <millerzauner@centurytel.net>
Date: Thursday, May 07, 2009 12:04 PM
To: <info@valuesaction.org>
Subject: What have we done to you?

Sender details:

Name: George and Stephen Miller-Zauner
E-mail: millerzauner@centurytel.net
IP address: 207.118.60.237
browser: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 5.1; .NET CLR 1.1.4322; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.4506.2152; .NET CLR 3.5.30729)

Having been an openly gay couple since our union on 04/20/1990 with four children now in their 20's and 30's we ask why are we good enough to be part of all walks of our lives; but, not good enough to be respected by you?

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From: "Steph" <sbrusig@juno.com>
Date: Friday, May 08, 2009 4:05 PM
To: <info@valuesaction.org>
Subject: Website Message for Larry

Sender details:

Name: Steph
E-mail: sbrusig@juno.com
IP address: 155.130.107.42
browser: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.1; SV1; .NET CLR 1.1.4322; InfoPath.1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506.30)

Why are you so hell bent on not wanting gay & lesbians have the legal right to be in a committed relationship that is protected by law and be able to share fiscal responsibilities? I do not care to have the church recognize my marriage to my partner and I know a lot of other straight people feel the same. This issue has nothing to do with religion but everything to do with civil rights of a certain group of people. A lot of us don't care what you think or feel about us, but once you start trying to change laws because of what you think the people of this state want, well, you will have a fight on your hands. Do me a favor and leave religion out of this issue. It has no place in it and so many people feel the same way, just take a look and see. It is better to love than to hate but I don't think you believe in that. You just want what you think is best for you.

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Version: 8.5.325 / Virus Database: 270.12.22/2105 - Release Date: 05/08/09 11:43:00

From: "Steve" <alex3_fly@msn.com>
Date: Friday, May 29, 2009 3:49 AM
To: <lstickney@valuesaction.org>
Subject: R-71

Sender details:

Name: Steve
E-mail: alex3_fly@msn.com
IP address: 97.113.254.130
browser: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.0; WOW64; SLCC1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; Media Center PC 5.0; eSobiSubscriber 2.0.4.16; .NET CLR 3.5.30729; .NET CLR 3.0.30618)

Dear Mr. Stickney, I'm sure deep down you really feel that if the gays are allowed to have equal rights to regular folks that that would corrupt society. I wonder why you would think that would be the case though. San Fransisco is full of homosexuals and I haven't heard of California floating off into the ocean (yet). I'm sorry for the snarky tone of this email, it's just I'm from a younger generation that doesn't understand this intolerance. So, I'm giving you a chance to sell me on why, exactly, we shouldn't give equal rights to someone who is different from us. While you're explaining this to me please think about how giving rights to gays is any different than giving rights to African Americans or people of other ethnicities. They're all the same in my book. They're all people. Of course, this is just my perspective and I sincerely look forward to hearing yours. Cordially, Steve

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From: "Heather Deardorff" <heatherlnn@gmail.com>
Date: Friday, May 29, 2009 6:11 PM
To: <lstickney@valuesaction.org>
Subject: Website Message for Larry

Sender details:

Name: Heather Deardorff
E-mail: heatherlnn@gmail.com
IP address: 69.88.112.58
browser: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 5.1; .NET CLR 1.1.4322; .NET CLR 2.0.50727)

(1) SB 5688 and HB 1727, if passed, will demolish the historical understanding and definition of marriage as that of uniting a man and a woman for life, by creating the legal equivalent of the marital union itself without using the term "marriage"; likely subjecting Washington State to litigation by same-sex partners demanding that the courts impose same-sex marriage (as happened recently in California prior to Proposition 8). Our concern is that the Washington State Supreme Court would use the California Court's rationale and precedent to overturn Washington's Defense of Marriage Act via judicial fiat. Marriage is no longer defined as solely between a man and a woman (thank you Merriam Webster and the other dictionaries). Now we changed the language, soon we'll change the law. Does this terrify you? (2) The state of Washington has a significant interest in continuing its existing policy long embodied in statutory law since we became a territory in 1853 and a state in 1889 of defining lawful marriage as between a man and a woman. Hahaha. This was my favorite. It wasn't even a point, so I'm not going to bother with a response. Write a real argument. Laws can be changed. (3) Genuine marriage has provided the foundation for healthy and harmonious family living for civilized societies for centuries. It does not exist just for the emotional satisfaction, affirmation, or validation of two individuals, but for the greater good of the social order." Marriage should, therefore, remain an institution that is upheld as an unchangeable standard. Yeah, I'd definitely call hetero marriage a success. Fifty percent divorce rates, woo, I'm emotionally satisfied. (4) Homosexuals have a right to form meaningful relationships. They don't have a right to redefine marriage for all of us. Marriage is not a special interest. When we change the law, I'm going to force you into a homosexual relationship. I'm not going to settle for equal rights, but rather strip you of yours and force you into a fake, unhappy relationship with a man. I'll tell you it's for social good, and if you pray for healing you will be cured of your unnatural desires for women. If that doesn't sound good, you can be lawfully single for the rest of your life and denied basic rights when it comes to your female partner. Or, you can just give us our damn rights and let everyone live in harmony- straight marriage isn't being threatened. You can keep it. (5) The happiness and well-being of both the parents and the children are best served by the family unit. According to Dr. James Dobson, "more than ten thousand studies have concluded that kids do best when they are raised by loving and committed mothers and fathers. They are less likely to be on illegal drugs, less likely to be retained in a grade, less likely to drop out of school, less likely to commit suicide, less likely to be in poverty, less likely to become juvenile delinquents, and for the girls, less likely to become teen mothers. They are healthier both emotionally and physically, even thirty years later, than those not so blessed by traditional parents." As mentioned before, over half of straight marriages end in divorce. Having a baby with a person of the opposite sex doesn't magically make you a better parent. The gay parents I know are incredible, loving parents. Think about it: straight couples can have babies on accident that they aren't prepared to take care of- my teenage heterosexual birth parents couldn't do the job. Homosexuals can't get drunk and decide to adopt while still intoxicated. (6) In a few short months

after legalizing same-sex "marriage" in Canada, activists there successfully passed C-250, a bill criminalizing public statements against homosexuality, punishable by up to two years in prison! Say the wrong thing; go to jail. The same will happen here in Washington. Don't dish it unless you can take it! Homosexuals have spent their entire lifetime in this country being unfairly persecuted. Now the tables are turned and you run crying to Mommy. And just because it happened in Canada doesn't mean it will happen in America, stop spouting your crazy theories as fact. (7) If same-sex marriage becomes the law in Washington, every public school will be forced to teach that same-sex "marriage" and homosexuality are perfectly normal -- Heather has Two Mommies in K-12. Pictures in text books will be changed to show same-sex couples as normal. All the children of same-sex marriages that I've met consider their families to be normal and healthy. Let's not teach hate. (8) Churches in Washington State will be legally pressured to perform same-sex weddings. When courts -- as happened in Massachusetts -- find same-sex "marriage" to be a constitutional and fundamental human right, the ACLU will successfully argue that the government is underwriting discrimination by offering tax exemptions to churches and synagogues that only honor natural marriage. I know pastors in our state that would willingly perform gay marriages, not all Christians are bigots like you...

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From: "Damon G Spark" <damon.spark@gmail.com>
Date: Monday, June 01, 2009 10:05 PM
To: <info@valuesaction.org>
Subject: God Family Country

Sender details:

Name: Damon G Spark
E-mail: damon.spark@gmail.com
IP address: 98.125.229.247
browser: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.0; GTB6; SLCC1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; Media Center PC 5.0; .NET CLR 1.1.4322; .NET CLR 3.5.30729; .NET CLR 3.0.30618)

Dear God fearing hate mongerers- I am writing you today simply because I wanted to express how much your whole ideology makes me sick. I am not gay nor do I really know any gays but I find it appalling that you would go so far in preventing those of a different sexual orientation than your own commit to one another. Why don't you spend your time helping people in need rather than condemning a portion of society who don't hurt anyone! Your whole organization makes me doubt that God even exists. How could God be filled with so much animosity for a group of people? Maybe you just want to feel a cock in your ass and hate yourself for it. Whatever. Praise Jeebus you retarded fuckholes! Peace out.

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Version: 8.5.339 / Virus Database: 270.12.49/2149 - Release Date: 06/01/09 17:55:00

From: "The Rev'd Raymond H. Burgoon-Clark" <quilisma@cox.net>
Date: Tuesday, June 02, 2009 11:16 AM
To: <lstickney@valuesaction.org>
Subject: marriage equality

Sender details:

Name: The Rev'd Raymond H. Burgoon-Clark
E-mail: quilisma@cox.net
IP address: 72.207.11.29
browser: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows; U; Windows NT 5.1; en-US; rv:1.9.0.10) Gecko/2009042316
Firefox/3.0.10

whosigned.org will fix YOUR little red wagon. We shall boycott the businesses of EVERYONE who signs your odious, bigoted petition. Rest assured of THAT. Father Raymond Superior (retired)
Community of the Resurrection

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From: "Larry" <larry4fnbd@comcast.net>
Date: Tuesday, June 02, 2009 1:58 PM
To: <info@valuesaction.org>
Subject: Petitions

Sender details:

Name: Larry
E-mail: larry4fnbd@comcast.net
IP address: 67.171.62.39
browser: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 8.0; Windows NT 6.0; Trident/4.0; FunWebProducts; GTB6; SLCC1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; Media Center PC 5.0; .NET CLR 3.5.30729; .NET CLR 3.0.30729)

Mr. Stickney, Re: http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/localnews/2009288903_whosigned02m0.html I would just like to know how it is that you conclude that releasing public documents is "hostile, undemocratic and intimidatating?" Don't you think the public deserves the right to know who is trying to effect/influence public policy?

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Version: 8.5.339 / Virus Database: 270.12.50/2150 - Release Date: 06/02/09 06:47:00

From: "Ken Cage" <kencagenz@gmail.com>
Date: Tuesday, June 02, 2009 5:06 PM
To: <info@valuesaction.org>
Subject: Referendum 71

Sender details:

Name: Ken Cage
E-mail: kencagenz@gmail.com
IP address: 130.123.225.69
browser: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 5.1; InfoPath.1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727)

I can't understand why you people are so filled with hate and are so mean-spirited when it comes to equal rights for ALL Americans. If you are coming at this from a religious perspective, you should go and read your bible because prejudice, bigotry and discrimination are the very things that Jesus preached against. Look at yourselves in the mirror and see what an ugly person you have become. Jesus would be ashamed of you and what you do in his name. I am glad that those who sign your petition will be named and shamed and have their details (including addresses and phone numbers) published online. If you are prepared to sign a hateful petition it is only right that everyone knows who you are, and you face up to the consequences of your actions.

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From: "Lyle" <amavel@aol.com>
Date: Tuesday, June 02, 2009 9:17 PM
To: <info@valuesaction.org>
Subject: Sin

Sender details:

Name: Lyle
E-mail: amavel@aol.com
IP address: 207.200.116.6
browser: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; AOL 9.1; AOLBuild 4334.5006; Windows NT 5.1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.4506.2152; .NET CLR 3.5.30729)

To stand in the way of love is the greatest sin a human can make. Shame on you for this action of hatred (Ref. 71) You are American terrorists. I am a straight male, married with a child and I will fight you to my death. You will be only a paragraph in the history books twenty years from now, like the KKK is now. You are responsible for the pain and suffering you make. You are bound for a special hell.

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From: "Mike G" <zbehr509@yahoo.com>
Date: Wednesday, June 03, 2009 3:42 PM
To: <info@valuesaction.org>
Subject: R71

Sender details:

Name: Mike G
 E-mail: zbehr509@yahoo.com
 IP address: 97.90.65.85
 browser: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 5.1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.4506.2152; .NET CLR 3.5.30729; yie8)

First of all, although the recently enacted domestic partner extension legislation doesn't really apply to me, it, but I'm concerned about the recent attempt to repeal this legislation as well as repewaling all the har earned benefits already enacted into law, IE: discrimination in housing,employment, hate crimes etc. I've actually been DENIED housing because the landlord assumed that I was gay without my saying a word to him about the issue. Let me clarify something though. I'm an evangelical Christian (Baptist), and my companion is fundamentalist Pentecostal and we have both been completely celibate for the last five years, but we still have a very close platonic companionship. Of course this landlord didn't know any of that. All he could see was that we appeared to be a gay couple, and he denied us housing because of it. Also, this happened before this protection law was in place in Yakima County -yet there was no recourse for us. If this law is repealed, we wouldn't have any protection against this sort of discrimination in housing or the workplace. Take note that we live in Selah, which is IN Yakima County. What are we to do if these protections are appealed? What if all the employers and landlords decide to do this? And it has and does still happen as well as the hate crimes. What becomes of us? Would we have to resort to living on the streets? If this law is to be repealed, , you really need to think of the consequences of this decision. EVERYONE is guaranteed civil rights, (that includes ALL religions, you too)the right to life, the right to liberty, and the right to pursue their own happiness- read the Preamble to the US Constitution! So essential this "repeal" wwould violate both the American Constituiton AND the WORD of GOD. It violates the Constitution because of: 1) the aforementioned clause in the preamble. 2) The first amendment is a double edged sword, it ensures that NO ONE RELIGION is to be espoused by the State. By setting evangelical theo,logy and belief as the "law of the land" you are setting up a state church- UNACCEPTABLE! 3) the flip side of the 1st Amendment enensure that YOU and all religious people are entitled to worship as you wish as long you do notset yourselves up as a state church- that is exactly what this repeal would do! 4) What shall we say then, how to reconcile these two different "poles" in the 1st Amendment? THAT is a no-brainer- as long as we do not infringe on other PRIVATE PERSONAL rights , then there should be no problem NOW , from a Biblical standpoint this repeal would also be wrong. Why? 1) God gives each person a free choice whethere to come to Him or not to come to Him- how do we DARE think we can force God's hand in this matter? Isn't that like putting OURSELVES on God's throne and usurping His sovereignty? 2) IN the world and the church, we are told by Jesus Himself, to let the tares and the wheat plants grow together, and that GOD (NOT US) will take care of it at the end of time. 3) We are to be IN the world but NOT of it! It's one thing for an individual to vote their conscience on a matter, it's entirely a different matter when church dictates to government how it shall be run, and vice-versa, when the government dictates to the church how IT must be run. When the state and church are one, literally all HELL breaks loose- are we so foolish as not to learn from history? Witness what happened when church and state were one in Europe- Inquisitions, repression of any religious dissent, wars in the name of Jesus, witch

burning of many who were not even guilty, torture, the list is endless. BUT, we have only to look at our own history as a nation: when church and state were one, as in Mass. Bay Colony- what happened, all religious dissent was suppressed by the civil gov't (you need only refer to John Winthrop, William Bradford, Cotton Mather, historical records from Mass. Bay colony, Mourt's relation, etc- it tells us frankly what happened, Quakers were hanged, (Marmabuke Stevenson and Mary Dyer come to mind and Catholics were forbidden to even enter the colony to live, even Baptists were exiled from the colony- it's the reason for the establishment of Rhode Island by Roger Williams. Anne Hutchinson comes to mind, (whether one disagrees with antinomianism or not) she was exiled from the colony like many, for a woman, it was an exile to a hostile wilderness and even more hostile natives- she was murdered- many were, why? Church and state were one and the same. Salem, Mass: 1692- 19 innocent hanged for a crime they didn't commit (witchcraft) convicted by "spectral evidence" in the civil courtroom. CONVERSELY, when the church becomes one with the state, the church loses, too, why? The church is beholden to the State for protecting and enforcing their position- what happens then? CORRUPTION, I mean do I REALLY need to go into how corrupt churches became when they became OF the world and not IN it? Do you all really want THAT? I know I don't. Like it or not we live in a society of many sects and denominations as well as many religions, many ethnic customs, and many atheists and agnostics- are they not ALL entitled to rights and representation? The law is quite specific about the fact that NO church must be compelled to perform a same-gender marriage, YET, this law does not even apply to marriage- it applies to equal protections and benefits under the law, and let's face it brothers and sisters, do we REALLY imagine there will be herds of gays and lesbians running down to the local Baptist, Pentecostal, Methodist, LDS churches etc? Let's get REAL about this people! Do we REALLY think depriving people of their civil rights will help bring people to Jesus? Do we REALLY think we will attract people to the Lord by neating them over the head with a Bible and banning or disfellowshipping [ing them from churches, in spite of the fact that every single one of us sins every day (recall Scripture says even the righteous man falls 7 times a day- so why aren't we disfellowshipping adulterers- and there are many evidently, or pastors wouldn't be asking for prayer for troubled marriages week after week. why are we not forbidding people that drink alcohol, or smoke cigarettes , OR OPPRESS THE PEOPLE- or are those lesser peccadilloes than homosexual offenses? I thought all ALL sin was reprehensible to God? Frankly, I see no way you can justify this repeal, CONSTITUTIONALLY, BIBLICALLY OR LOGICALLY! It's kind of like the Pharisees of old- we strain at a gnat and swallow a camel, we tell people it's grace not works, and when we rope them in we immediately put them back under a covenant of works instead of Grace. Thus, like those same Pharisees whom Jesus railed against (the religious establishment of HIS day) we impose burdens that the people cannot carry, nor do we lift a finger to help, nor can we lift those burdens ourselves. What about Jesus, and his Gospel? Again what does He say? Render unto Caesar... how is this rendering to Caesar? HOW is it that the church and the "good" "Christians" who signed and those who formulated this Initiative can read the Gospels over and over and over, and not read about the Pharisees and see a mirror image? We are no better, those people that seek to deprive others of their rights, sinners and hypocrites all just like me, and you. How do you know this isn't going to come back AGAINST the church, since you have opened the door, to religion and state being one, shall we all espouse evangelical belief in our new Constitution? Or shall we espouse Catholic doctrine? Or Lutheran, or Episcopalian, or LDS, or JW, or Hindu, or Buddhist, or Muslim, or Taoist, or Wiccan? Tell me, I am curious as to your explanation and justification for such an illogical, unAmerican, UNCHRISTLIKE act? If the church is going to be active in lobbying and politics, then the church should pay taxes like everyone else- there is NO precedent biblically for NOT taxing the church- maybe THEN we can start sharing the GOOD NEWS instead of trying to be top dog, (I know, I know it feeds your need for Pride- but isn't that a sin?). You are doing more to turn people AWAY from Jesus than bringing them TO Jesus- how do you think God will look at you on Judgment Day- Bema or otherwise? You err because you don't understand or know the WHOLE Scriptures, rightly dividing the Word of God? Since you don't, how do you presume to teach others? What will you tell God when He asks you why you turned so many people away, when you should have KNOWN to do what He said to do? I, Fundamentalist Christian that I am CANNOT go along with you in this matter- I see NOTHING of

CHRIST and EVERYTHING of Human pride in the matter. That is not Christianity my brothers and sisters, it is wolves in sheep's clothing- you are treading a perilous path here- and it's not THE path described in the Scriptures, it is demonic- ("the enemy comes only to steal, kill and destroy- sounds like the church history, and the current state of MANY churches- you are only here to steal away people's rights, kill (Dr. Tiller immediately comes to mind- don't tell me it's not our fault ; if we the church hadn't used our bully pulpits to incite this unstable man to kill, and if we think we didn't think again we are deluding ourselves), you also seek to destroy the very foundations of the American Constitution, that makes us by nature, enemies of the State. Honestly, it's this kind of pseudo-Christianity that makes me NOT want to be associated with churches- instead of being a vehicle of God's Love and Grace, instead of being a place of healing, your churches are filled with iniquity, and hate, all using the name of Jesus, and thereby taking God's holy name in vain! I will pray for you, but I will never submit to such a perversion of the Good News so you can keep your privileged positions in society- I am 56 years old, and at least I can tell you we ALL got along in Maine and New England, perhaps because we were so close to this disastrous experiment in theocracy! So, please, tell me a REAL justification for your behavior? What are your REAL motives, certainly not Jesus for you lie about the law, and you lie about Jesus Himself- as I said I will pray that the Lord would open your eyes, but I will always ALWAYS stand against church-state oneness- even if I have to die doing so, at least MY conscience will be clear! Will yours? Sincerely, William J Rogers RN (Ret.) Mike G. Selah, WA

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From: "rob capp" <rob capp@ca.rr.com>
Date: Tuesday, June 09, 2009 3:53 AM
To: <info@valuesaction.org>
Subject: You are Sick!!!

Sender details:

Name: rob capp
E-mail: robcapp@ca.rr.com
IP address: 76.94.131.155
browser: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 5.1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; Seekmo 10.0.406.0)

Hey Larry, You are a sick sick person and I am a married conservative heterosexual who is appalled at what you're trying to do to our gay brothers and sisters. It's really shameful. They are entitled to all the same rights and protections that we all take for granted. Even more so because we all get to choose our religion. Gays have no choice. They're born that way. And gays all are produced from the so called sacred union of a man and woman I might add. And yes. They deserve to marry the person they love just as much as any of us. This ia a free county founded on life, liberty and happiness. and their love is exactly the same as ours. if you want to protect the sactity of marriage, then you should be working your ass off to try and reduce the skyrocketing number of divorces in this country. now at over 50%. It's even 90% in the inner cities, especially among blacks. That is abominable. Heterosexuals have turned marriage into an absolute joke. And all the poor children who all have to grow up in broken families. And instead of focusing on this, you're going to try and take away some rights and protections that gay families enjoy? You are NUTS! and so is anyone so stupid and hateful to go along with this BULLSHIT!. This is not what christianity and conservatism is based on. It's the opposite. Love, committment, and to "Judge others as you would do unto yourself". And LIMITED government interference. I will be fighting against this lunacy and standing up for the gay community until this threat is over and you're unemployed!! Sincerely, Rob Capp (a married father of three)

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Version: 8.5.339 / Virus Database: 270.12.58/2164 - Release Date: 06/08/09 17:59:00

From: "Greg Larson" <creditmanager@yahoo.com>
Date: Monday, June 29, 2009 5:50 PM
To: <lstickney@valuesaction.org>
Subject: Website Message for Larry

Sender details:

Name: Greg Larson
E-mail: creditmanager@yahoo.com
IP address: 74.95.127.101
browser: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 5.1; .NET CLR 1.1.4322; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506.30; .NET CLR 3.0.04506.648; .NET CLR 3.0.4506.2152; .NET CLR 3.5.30729)

Larry: I have long wondered how you call yourself a good Christian man. I always remember my grandparents saying to me "judge ye not lest ye be judged." Grandma, bless her heart, believed, as MOST Christians do, that all of us, even those in the majority, have a God given right to live and let live here. I'm always amazed when I read another story that has your name attached to it about the inequities you propose. I wonder how, when judgement day comes, Larry, you will respond to God when he asks you why you are so judgmental? I read a comment from you that "we can't be subject to the TYRANNY of the minority." What tyranny, Larry, are you speaking of exactly? That those of us in the minority don't deserve to be treated equally as those of you in the majority? That those of us who don't see it your way, as the "majority", should not enjoy the freedoms and equal treatment? I've watched personally as some of my friends have been assaulted, thrown out of their rental homes, been denied jobs, treated with complete disdain, all because they are different. It is judgemental and pious people such as yourself and your organization that spreads the hatred and the false word of God that we are NOT all created equal. It really saddens me that you can't seem to put your energies into the following: -Helping immigrants considered by you and your organization to be illegal to BECOME legal. Wouldn't that make more sense than arresting them all and throwing them all out of this wonderful country? -Allowing us all to marry the partner we choose. Why is it that marriage between a man and woman has to be that way? Take a look at the divorce rate, Larry. Then tell ME how precious the word "marriage" is to your organization. C'mon, Larry, show God that you believe we are all to be treated with the Love and equality that God intended for us. You don't have to be in my bedroom, my friend. I only ask that you please recognize that we are all equal in the eyes of God. YOU are no better or worse than I am. I have children, I pay taxes, I go to church and pray, what is so different about my life that you have to show so much hatred? I only have pity for the pious people such as your organization that say Gays don't deserve to be with their loved ones, that we can't have a family equal to yours, that we cannot marry the person of OUR choosing..all because you and your like say so. The only thing you and your organization show is that you are NOT Christians. God would never stand by and allow you to spew out the hatred you and your like do. Shame on you, and shame on your organization, Larry. May God forgive you on judgement day, my friend.

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Terre Haute, Indiana 47807-3510
(812) 232-2434

From: "Lovick, John" <John.Lovick@co.snohomish.wa.us>
Date: Monday, May 11, 2009 8:40 AM
To: <lstickney@valuesaction.org>
Subject: Re: Hurting Families

Larry:

I will forward your email to Whatcom County Bill Elfo.

John Lovick

Sheriff John Lovick
Snohomish County Sheriff's Office
3000 Rockefeller Avenue, MS 606
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(424) 388-3026
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From: larry stickney
To: Lovick, John
Cc: Koster, John; Chapman, Barbara; 'Senator Val Stevens' ; Kirk Pearson ; kristiansen.dan@leg.wa.gov
Sent: Sun May 10 23:18:42 2009
Subject: FW: Hurting Families

Dear Sheriff Lovick,

My name is Larry Stickney and I am the president of the Washington Values Alliance. My organization has been active in opposing Senate Bill 5688 during the 2009 legislative session. SB 5688 extends full marital rights to homosexual couples. On Monday of last week (May 4) I filed referendum 71, which would, if we are successful in gathering the required signatures, bring SB 5688 before the voters of Washington State in November. I write you today to report on a disturbing e-mail message (see bottom of page) sent my way from a John Bisceglia of Bellingham, Washington, the day Referendum hit the news (May 4).

Bisceglia's name appears on several gay blogs whose links I have included. The following are his words to me (see below) **"I am asking everyone I know this question, straight or gay, as a DEVIL'S ADVOCATE - Should We Begin Harming Those Whom Harm Us?"**

Sheriff Lovick, Bisceglia appears to be promoting some type of violent payback for those who disagree with his views on homosexual issues. He mentions me, my children, my family and my home in Arlington and blames me for some of his personal suffering. One of his messages that mentioned me by names was pulled off of one of the blogs this week because it violated their posting policy which forbids hate and threats of violence.

I am asking the Snohomish County Sheriff's Department to please take a look into this situation to see if any laws are being violated by Bisceglia as my wife and I are feeling threatened and vulnerable with the amount of press our referendum has received. Please let me know if I may provide you more information.

LARRY STICKNEY

President

Washington Values Alliance

206-631-1894 (w)

<http://www.valuesaction.org/>

<http://gaytaxprotest.blogspot.com/2009/03/oops-i-terrized-again-accidental.html>

Click on the above link to read the following:

*Queers have been persecuted by religion **enough** in society, including within our own families; why must we **ALSO** allow government to support and encourage the **HATE-H8-HATE** that repeatedly slices our throats, bashes our heads open, or shoots bullets into our heart or brain.*

Is it wrong to stab the person who is gay-bashing you?

Would it be "fighting hate with more hate" or would it just be

Self-Defense?

*Where do WE draw the line when **government** hates us?*

Did I say government?

I meant religion.....no...

*I mean **goverreligion**, I mean...*

The following links will provide with more of Mr. Bisceglia's writings.

<http://gaytaxprotest.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.blogger.com/profile/06977821192123489153>

<http://twitter.com/EqualityRevolt>

<http://gaytaxprotest.blogspot.com/2009/03/oops-i-terrized-again-accidental.html>

Larry Stickney, from Arlington, WA - wants to hurt other WA state families who already lack EQUAL PROTECTION. Does he REALLY want this war?5:14 PM May 6th from web

From: John Bisceglia [mailto:bisceglia2000@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, May 04, 2009 6:47 PM

To: info@valuesaction.org

Subject: Hurting Families

Sender details:

Name: John Bisceglia

E-mail: bisceglia2000@yahoo.com

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Heavy-Handed

Leader of Anti-Gay-Marriage Campaign Has His Own Problems with Marriage

by DOMINIC HOLDEN

Anti-gay crusader Larry Stickney, whose organization, Protect Marriage Washington, filed a referendum on May 4 to repeal Washington State's domestic-partnership bill, wrote on his website that allowing gay marriage "will demolish the historical understanding and definition of marriage as that of uniting a man and a woman for life."

But Stickney himself—married three times and divorced twice—has not been united in marriage "for life." And, during his second marriage, his wife made serious allegations of domestic abuse.

Records from the Kitsap County Superior Court show that in 1994, Stickney's then-wife Cheryl alleged that he "badly injured" her twice, breaking her eardrum by hitting her in the ear. She also accused him of "[stealing] and destroy[ing] things belonging to my son and myself." A superior court judge issued a restraining order against him, granting Cheryl temporary custody of the two children and requiring Stickney to stay away from the family home.

Several months later, Cheryl filed for divorce. In a final divorce decree, a judge required Stickney to pay roughly one-third of his monthly income in child support payments, barred Stickney and Cheryl from entering each other's homes, and gave custody of the two children to Cheryl.

Again according to court documents, Gail Buesnel—a certified marriage, family, and child therapist who held multiple sessions to counsel the children on the divorce—wrote a report on her findings. "They both complained that Mr. Stickney plays too roughly with them," said Buesnel's report, which is included in court documents. On one of his visitations, "Mr. Stickney spanked [his daughter] with a spoon with sufficient force to leave marks on her." She concludes, "Mr. Stickney needs to rethink some of his approaches and behaviors with his children." Soon thereafter, Stickney attended anger-management classes.

Although friends and family members defended Stickney as a caring father in declarations to the court, his discord with his family continued for more than a decade. In 2006, Stickney argued in the Kitsap County Superior Court that he should not be required to help pay his daughter's college tuition. He noted that he has six children living in his home (including three

children he had with his current wife, Pollyanna Stickney), \$310,000 in mortgage on two homes in Arlington, Washington, and more than \$30,000 in credit-card debt. Nonetheless, the court ordered him to help pay for his daughter's education.

Stickney isn't the only Protect Marriage Washington board member whose actions fall short of his family-values rhetoric.

State representative Matt Shea's (R-4) marriage ended in an acrimonious divorce in 2007; his wife, Lisa, alleged physical and domestic abuse, obtaining three temporary restraining orders and a protection order. And the campaign's primary spokesman, Gary Randall, failed to pay more than \$30,000 in taxes ["Representation Without Taxation," Dominic Holden, April 30].

Neither Shea nor Stickney returned calls for comment.

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Is that one of those chains holding his tie in place? It's a Jersey guido look for the Northwest. What a toolbag..

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Posted by floofy on May 20, 2009 at 11:48 AM | Report

It never fails to amaze me that the people who are trying restrict other people's happiness have very little in their own lives.

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Posted by fishbassist on May 21, 2009 at 10:25 AM | Report

I am Larry Stickney's son, and I know my father. He has and always will be a caring and loving dad. These allegations are grossly misinterpreted; Gale Buesnel is a scumbag who tried to get me to lie about him- she did lie about him, and put words in my mouth. I was 5 at the time of their separation, but I remember clear as day what was going on- believe what you want, but maybe you should try asking someone who was actually there, instead of digging up files from 15 years ago in the hopes of trashing his image.

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5/20/2009 8:40 PM

An obvious hit piece and shining example of the lows your side stoops too to warp minds with your half rate journalism. We'll see how long this stays up.

Posted by Matt Stickney on May 21, 2009 at 2:37 PM | Report

@Matt Stickney

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Maybe your father needs to focus on the health and longevity of his marriage(s) and not worry so much about same-sex consenting adults getting married.

Posted by Rubykelp on May 21, 2009 at 3:59 PM | Report

@Matt Stickney

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Maybe your caring and loving dad should focus on the health and longevity of his own marriage(s) instead of obsessing about the unions between committed, same-sex couples.

Posted by Rubykelp on May 21, 2009 at 4:11 PM | Report

Matt,

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Of course your father loves you. But less-than-five year olds are not capable of objective, rational examination of the emotional states of their family members, and memories evolve with age; parents also usually do their best to shield their kids from the unpleasant realities of their own difficulties. That's what objective professionals and documentation are for. Glad to hear you are well. I wish your dad would live his own life rather than trying to damage mine (living happily with my partner for 12 years, but wishing we could be truly on par with all the other imperfect couples out there).

Best wishes,

Tom

Posted by Tom Tom on May 21, 2009 at 5:30 PM | Report

I appreciate your not attacking me, but you must understand; my father was never abusive of my mother or any of his children, ever. It pains me to say that my mom has unattended psychologocial problems. Everything "documented" was a complete sham. Do you honestly think I would call my mother a liar if it were not true? For 5 years my Dad tried to save the marriage. He loved her, and never wanted divorce- in fact he did everything he could, including going to said counseling sessions, no less than 50. I WAS THERE.

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This was the most painful period of my life, and, without apology, I will never forgive this woman, Gale, for the hardship and agony she put upon my family by playing a role in their separation. She and her other gargoyles wanted nothing less than to destroy my father and everything he stood for- but I guess I'm at the wrong place for sympathy, aren't I?

Nevermind the politics– this information is false.

Posted by Matt Stickney on May 22, 2009 at 1:45 AM | Report

So this guy was married and divorced 3 times???
He loses credibility right there. What a tool.

8

If he doesnt like gay marriage, he should not marry a gay person, and mind his own business.

They hypocracy of the anti-gay equal rights crusaders is astounding.

Posted by drewinsf1 on May 22, 2009 at 6:01 AM | Report

@Matt: Sham or no sham, your father is ruining *our* lives. I hope these issues from this Gale woman have given you a taste, however small, for the hardship and agony your father is placing upon our lives, our community and our livelihood.

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Posted by el on May 22, 2009 at 7:45 AM | Report

In the modern American world – a couple of marriages is not a big deal. VERY VERY common. Oh, the stigma is a stupid rant.

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Some of these posters have reverted to some 1850ies model of life, love and families. Don't work in this century.

Really hate this guy based on his shit politics. His family troubles are of no great interest. And who is perfect here at SLOG, let them – "cast the first stone."

Son Matt – your dad is a lucky guy with you at his side.

But Ref. 71 is a BAD idea, talk him out of it.

Posted by Roman Vasnich on May 22, 2009 at 3:26 PM | Report

ugh....coming from the small town (poulsbo) which bred and fostered the hate in larry stickney I can attest to the horrible reputation he has. Its no secret he is a hypocritical asshole who has made a career of fucking with other peoples lives rather than attending to his own. And believe you me, what is printed here is quite tame compared to some of the shit this guy is famous for. small town= no secrets. And matt, im sorry you have been drug into this. thats not really fair...but it is ok to admit your father is a straight up asshole. it might even come as some relief? i think a good point was made that the big issue here is what Mr. stickneys political aims are rather than his personal history. But we can rest assured that he wont ever get far in the charade that is local politics because his closet is literally overflowing with skeletons. It puzzles me still as to why those contaminated with the most hate are the most driven to force their narrow world views on others. If you don't like gay marriage than dont marry someone of the same sex INDEED.

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Posted by wicked lester on May 22, 2009 at 8:46 PM | Report

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Posted by wicked lester on May 22, 2009 at 8:54 PM | Report

Matt, your dad made his divorce history relevant when he decided to run a public 14
campaign telling other people who they could and couldn't form a domestic
partnership with. He holds up "1 man + 1 woman up for life" as the measuring stick for
acceptability, even though he himself doesn't measure up. It's a "people in glass houses"
thing.

He is also deliberately misleading the public by calling domestic partnerships "marriage".
By lying about what really happened with the Domestic Partnership Expansion Bill of 2009
(SB 5688), he again demonstrates that he has no moral authority whatsoever.

It's great that your dad finally found marital happiness with Pollyanna. But it is a tragedy
that he feels compelled to strip others of the same happiness.

Posted by Lurleen on May 23, 2009 at 5:10 PM | Report



Matt, I'm glad things have been hard for you and your family.

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Hahaha.

Posted by Mr. Poe on May 24, 2009 at 1:33 AM | Report

Clearly, this man has serious mental issues. One divorce? Fine, maybe it's a fluke, maybe he married someone who had something wrong with her and they had to divorce... but two divorces? It's obviously him. 16

What the hell is wrong with this guy, that he is standing up saying that marriage is one man and a woman, when he cannot have a stable and long-term relationship himself.

It makes me feel so guilty when I pray that people get hit by buses. God loves everyone, even the jerks who are doing the work of Satan and spreading hate. But seriously, why do bad people happen to good things?

Posted by KatieKateKatie on May 24, 2009 at 10:39 PM | Report

I'm very glad Matt Stickney stood up for his dad. 17

This piece by Dominic Holden is a SHAMELESS HIT PIECE, digging up unsubstantiated claims by an ex-wife.

Of course the ex-wife claimed abuse (and coached her kids to) -- that's standard practice in the divorce extortion racket.

Dredging up his objection to paying college tuition for a *seventh* child that sided with the extortionist ex-wife ?? Shameless, Dominic.

Remember that most of the population sides with Mr. Stickney on this issue. Raising his ex-wife's abuse of marriage/divorce law does not strengthen your argument for discarding traditional marriage. We are all losers from the legal establishment's manipulation and distortion of marriage.

Posted by lint on May 24, 2009 at 11:44 PM | Report

unsubstantiated claims my ass! I bore witness to the physical abuse this closet fag bore on Cheryl. I saw the bruises. So Matt, your willful ignorance is endearing, but, you are full of shit. Why don't Larry's beat up boyfriends come forward is my question? Fuck this guy. He would like it. 18

Posted by lions park on May 25, 2009 at 10:48 AM | Report

Fine, let's not focus on the ex-wife of questionable credibility (and let's assume her credibility is questionable, and that court records are totally misleading). 19

This guy married ANOTHER TIME and COULDN'T MAKE THAT ONE WORK EITHER.

If you're going to speak for an organization that promotes life-long relationships (unless teh creepy gays want them), then try to have only ONE "I tried so hard but it just didn't work" stories... not 2.

You know what the biggest threat to marriage is? DIVORCES BETWEEN STRAIGHT PEOPLE. Ask any kid of divorced parents what's worse – straight people getting divorced or gay people getting married?

Posted by nullbull on May 25, 2009 at 11:55 PM | Report

i find it hard to believe that an actual child of larry's would take the time to comment multiple times on this article. 20

also, while i don't think people's personal lives are any of my business, it is a view i only hold under normal circumstances (which this is not). when a someone like larry actively pursues eliminating the rights of a group of people i believe he opens the door for his personal life to be examined. the principles he touts as the pillars of marriage are the ones himself has shown the inability to adhere to, regardless of perception.

i think dominic did something that most people criticize the stranger for not doing, investigative journalism, which further gives credence to the message i believe dominic is trying to convey: the very thing these people are trying to protect is something they have themselves defiled.

Posted by jona on May 26, 2009 at 12:52 AM | Report



Thanks for the info Dominic!! Thanks to this article, Im making a sign dedicated for Larry! It will be debuted at the rally today!

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Posted by aaryn on May 26, 2009 at 1:54 AM | Report

Not a single person on our side, Yes on 71, the pro gay side, will be more active because of this guy having several divorces. 22

Need to get on OUR message and start REAL organizing. By the way, I reject the morality police who are gay as badly as those who are nutcase churchies. Same stupid stuff.

Bitter divorces? God what giant news that is not.

And, the public will vote on Ref. 71, if that happens, as a prelude to gay marriage. Fact. And it is. Our gay legislators have been open on that issue.

Is the public ready for gay marriage using secret balloting in a low turnout off year election? I fear the answer.

Get to work and quit all the smug crap cause this guy is a bum. We all knew that. He is not on the ballot, Ref. 71 might be.

Posted by Ronny - gay marriage advocate on May 26, 2009 at 6:22 AM | Report

Matt your dad is a thrice married piece of shit. It runs in families so expect to have at least two marriages yourself. live with it. 23

hmmm I think there a few things in the bible about divorce. naah only homosexuality.

Posted by afsaf on May 26, 2009 at 1:15 PM | Report

Of course it isn't news that a guy had a couple of divorces. What's newsworthy about this story is that the guy in question is the same guy who's trying to tell us all who we can and can't marry in the name of "defending" marriage. It's pretty obvious that this hypocrite piece of shit doesn't give a rat's ass about the sanctity of marriage, given how he's treated his own marriages (life long bond my fat ass). No, what bothers him is the fact that the gays want in. 24

If this douche was actually a loving, caring husband who managed to stay in one marriage his whole life, I could maybe extend him the benefit of the doubt and assume that he might possibly be genuinely worried about the institution of marriage (misguided though that worry may be). Since he obviously doesn't think of marriage as that big a deal though, there's only one possible reason to deny it to gays: bigotry. This guy just plain hates gay people. Fuck him.

Posted by Gabe on May 26, 2009 at 2:59 PM | Report

I am the person who gave Dominic the copies of court documents upon which he based much of his article. He was not able to go into all of the details. The second wife did have her faults. Larry Stickney, in his response to Cheryl's request for a protection order, listed some of those faults:
"what she doesn't tell you is that she was born with a silver spoon and is very feminist in her outlook and has been depressed for years with her lot in life (raising children, married to a working class man, etc) and subsequently lacks respect and is very rebellious towards me and refuses to give me the authority and support I, as the father of our two small children need to run a functional household..." Kitsap County Superior Court No. 94-2-00995-0. The court granted the protection order. I think it's fair to say that Larry has a very "traditional" take on family values. 25

As for the complaints about Gail Buesnell's objectivity, she was not the only professional who submitted a report to the court. If you wish to look at Kitsap County Superior Court No. 94-3-00760-8, you will also find reports from Kathleen Shedd and Edward

Rosenbaum.

Posted by [lost in thought](#) on May 26, 2009 at 3:33 PM | Report

For those of you criticizing this as a "hit piece," Larry Stickney's personal marriage life is entirely relevant as long as he seeks to ban marriage or anything approaching it for others. 26

And the claims here are obviously not unsubstantiated. The reporter dug through court documents to get this information, and it's all public record. He also called Stickney and Shea to give them a chance to respond, but they didn't. That's sort of like declining to testify against yourself in court: It's an option, but if you're unwilling to take the stand, then it indicates you have something to hide.

Also, Matt Stickey, if this stuff is all false, then can you provide documentation to demonstrate that it is?

Posted by [A](#) on May 27, 2009 at 8:19 AM | Report

I am a happily married male, with no religious ties to any one denomination. I honestly do not understand why straight people have such an aversion to gay people wanting to marry. Is there something in the straight persons mentality that suggests that Gay people are so desperate to marry that if they cannot they will revert to being straight? 27

As long as there are no financial benefit to homosexual couples that straight couples cannot realize, then who cares! And if the system does have some potential benefit for gays that straight people cannot enjoy then fix the system.

The gays marry, let them adopt, they certainly cannot be any worse at it than straight people have demonstrated.

On a side note:

I personally vote for gays as being the only people who should be allowed to be married. Then maybe us straight folk can have care-free sex in movie theatres and restrooms, the way it was meant to be.

Posted by [HowardHuge](#) on May 27, 2009 at 11:03 AM | Report

Ok. Marriage is a bond between two people in love. It doesn't matter what sex you are, just that you love each other. Divorce shows that break in the sanctuary of it. Doesn't the bible say something about adultery being a sin and forbidden?! How many straight people have had divorces?! And a lot of uneducated christians automatically go to marrying an animal if gay marriage is accepted. There is no comparison. Give me a break 28

Posted by [nolollygagging](#) on May 27, 2009 at 11:44 AM | Report

Hey Matt Stickney:

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Married and divorced three times?!?!?

Oh, yeah--that's real credibility.

And WHAT's with the Guido tie??

You are a hypocritical PIG, and have NO BUSINESS WHATSOEVER in blocking anyone's path---straight or gay----in the pursuit of marriage!

Do us fellow Washingtonians a favor: get rip roaring drunk and replace the Chooga Chooga Chooga Chooga CHOO-CHOO! guy passed out on the tracks!

Posted by livedtotell... on May 29, 2009 at 6:49 AM | Report



Hey Matt stickney,

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Your dad is a douchebag.

Posted by triskit on June 4, 2009 at 12:43 PM | Report

Members of the "Anti-Gay-Marriage Campaign" present a vivid example of the wide-spread intolerance against everything perceived as different. When we compare their views on homosexuals with other actions against minorities, a common motive becomes obvious: People are very likely to attack what they fear, envy or simply don't understand. L. Stickney probably feels threatened by homosexual marriage, because he knows that his own definition of marriage "as that of uniting a man and a woman for life" is unstable. (He divorced twice and was accused of domestic abuse at court.) If gay people were allowed to marry, "marriage" would receive a new level of justification, replacing traditional religious reason and the wish to have children. Unfortunately, the article is considerably one-sided and it would have been interesting to hear more objective voices. There have been doubts mentioned about Gail Buesnel's reports on L. Stickney's supposed child abuse, after all.

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Posted by Robin-no-ouji on June 6, 2009 at 2:57 AM | Report

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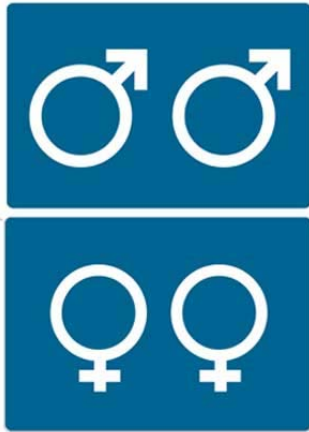
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Who signs R-71? Foes may post it online

by David Ammons | June 2nd, 2009



Some foes of a referendum aimed at halting a new “everything but marriage” law in Washington state plan to eventually publish online the names and addresses of everyone who signs the Referendum 71 petitions. The state Elections Division is encouraging “civil debate” on the measure and expressing concern if the signature-gathering process is suppressed or voters feel threatened in any way.

Washington Values Alliance, which opposes gay marriage and is sponsoring R-71, will begin circulating petitions this week. They’ll be racing a July 25 deadline to collect roughly 150,000 voter signatures (120,577 is the bare minimum, and a pad is suggested to cover the invalid signatures).

The new twist is that a group called whosigned.org ([here](#) is its link) intends to make the signatures available and searchable on the Internet. The referendum petition sheets, typically 10,000 or more, including the names and addresses of signers, become a public record after the sponsors actually submit them, in this case by July 25, and they are returned from Archives imaging.

Spokesmen for the new project say they want voters to think twice about signing the petitions and that opponents of R-71 should be able to talk with their neighbors and townspeople who signed to explain the ramifications. The main opposition [group](#), however, opposes the online project and R-71 [sponsors](#) say it amounts to bullying and is aimed at suppressing signatures.

State Elections Director Nick Handy notes the the state has long been committed to open records and transparency in government, but says he’s unhappy with the thought of the petition process being used as a weapon to dampen voters’ participation in their constitutional right of petition. He says,

“A vigorous debate on the issues is always welcome, but efforts to intimidate or repress participation are not. It just doesn’t feel like the culture we have here in the state of Washington. An unhealthy chilling effect occurs when public debate reaches a point where the passion of some individuals drives some folks to take actions that are viewed by others as threatening or intimidating. We call for open and healthy public debate without resort to these methods.”

It is a crime to interfere with signature-gathering or to threaten or intimidate voters.

The state of Washington has no authority to withhold the identities of people who sign initiative or referendum petitions, just as the names and hometowns of campaign donors to ballot campaigns are available online at the Public Disclosure Commission.

“Nobody is comfortable with releasing personal information in situations like this, but it is part of transparency

in government,” Handy says. “We hope people will keep their cool.”

12 Responses to “Who signs R-71? Foes may post it online”



1. *Mikos* says:

[June 2, 2009 at 1:48 PM](#)

I’ve signed more petitions than I’ve ever voted for. Many I thought should make it onto the ballot because I believe in the democratic process especially when it comes to broad issues of public concern. I believe this is one, although I won’t vote for it if it makes the ballot. The heavy-handed tactics of those who oppose this petition discredits their cause.



2. *Carol* says:

[June 3, 2009 at 2:06 PM](#)

I understand that many people don’t want anyone to know that they support forcing women to bear the child of their rapist, or daughters to bear that of their incestuous father or uncle, or forcing a woman to choose death and give up the rest of her life to save a baby that may or may not live, because they know it is cruel and that despite rhetoric, their religion doesn’t really support that position, but those raised in christian religions (yes, I know from personal recovery) are so brainwashed into thinking they’re “bad” if they disagree with their religion that they don’t WANT to face it, and doubtless are afraid to let anyone talk them around to some common sense and compassion (a trait they could at least share with Jesus). While the tactics of gay-rights proponents may be heavy-handed on this one particular issue, it will take that to fight the heavy-handed vitriole of their opposition.



3. *D.R. Walker* says:

[June 3, 2009 at 3:36 PM](#)

The problem is not the signing of these petitions,nor the publishing of the names. The problem is the harressment of those folks who are simply exercising thier right. Period. The solution is for law enforcement to come down hard on the folks who threat, intimidate, harm, or in any way embaress the signors.



4. *David A.* says:

[June 5, 2009 at 8:38 AM](#)

I like both Mikos and D.R.’s statements. I am a supporter of the expansion of Domestic Partnership rights and gay marriage, but I do not support the “exposing” of the petition signers. Sure signatures on a petition are public records (if they are eventually submitted to the Secretary of State) but that does not give those who disagree with the petition license to harass those who sign onto the petition. I am reminded of the public shaming that the government use to use against gay people when they raided gay bars and published photos and names of those exercising their first amendment right to free association.



5. *Joe Reilly* says:

[June 5, 2009 at 1:39 PM](#)

Reminding people that signing a petition for a referendum (or other initiative) is a public event, isn’t in any way harassment. I know that I will be contacting any friends or family members who sign this petition and asking them to revoke their signature after educating them about the effects of the referendum. I don’t expect signature gatherers to do a fair job of representing the referendum and welcome this opportunity set the record straight with my friends and family.



6. *Cassy Edwards* says:

[June 6, 2009 at 9:55 AM](#)

When I sign a petition I am requesting a public vote on the topic of the petition...PERIOD.

I am not stating a position either for OR against what I am asking to vote on – merely asking to be given a chance to vote on it.

My signature on a petition DOES NOT give ANYONE permission to contact me regarding my signature except for those in charge of ensuring that I did, in fact, lawfully sign the petition.

Publish my name, address, phone and anything else you may like about my having signed a petition – just don't contact me.

My vote, or intended vote, is privileged and private information. I WILL make up my mind WITHOUT outside interference, thank you very much!

7.  *Davecomment* says:
[June 9, 2009 at 4:04 PM](#)

The goal of “transparency” and “education” of signors by “identifying” them is not what its promotors really want. Read the reports of post-election intimidation, loss of employment, vandalism, and harassment in California against donors in favor of Prop 8.


Those who think that “identifying” polticially wrong thinking segments of the population is for their “education” are naive.

This effort is to intimidate.

If Hitler had the internet he would have listed names and addresses of Jews.

8.  *FedUpLisa* says:
[June 10, 2009 at 8:51 AM](#)

It seems the spirit of McCarthyism — blacklisting and intimidation — lives on. How sad.

9.  *Baconcat* says:
[June 10, 2009 at 11:29 AM](#)

The creator of the whosigned website, unaffiliated with any pro-equality/pro-family groups and with little support from the pro-equality/pro-family community, has stated now that he only intends on listing by name and zip. Interestingly enough, anyone who fears they may be living near a homosexual domestic partnership may run a lookup by name of any of the 5,000 couples in this state and get all the info they want. Similarly, it isn't hard for them to get the vitals on all these couples.

With the unfounded and certifiably untrue claims made by the anti-equality/anti-family side in regards to violence against supporters of Prop 8 (none!, compared against the beating of the leader of an equality torch rally last week), claims of McCarthyism and comparisons to the nazis, do you think there is any reason to believe at this point that they are in any danger except to themselves?

The ballot language is clear, this is not marriage. That truth is not sufficient to the anti-family/anti-equality side, though, and that should be a red flag to any rational person, especially since the petition claims it is indeed marriage.

I'm sure any reaction based off of whosigned.org would pale in comparison to the revenge and attacks doled out by anti-equality/anti-family groups against pro-equality/pro-family groups and GLBT and elderly domestic partners, should R-71 fail to reach the ballot or pass in November.

Giving them political cover like this, especially when the story and reality has changed...? I'm not so sure I like this. Of course, it's just my own personal opinion, so let elected officials do what they feel is right and we'll sort it out at the polls later.

10.  *Christina Siderius* says:

[June 11, 2009 at 1:50 PM](#)

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11.  *Brian San Diego* says:
[June 21, 2009 at 1:41 AM](#)

Dear Cassy Edwards:

Why would you sign a petition to get it on the ballot if you didn't intend to vote for it when it got there? If you expect anyone to believe that, you being disingenious. Also go ahead and sign the petition and then deny that you plan to support the repeal of a law that extends rights to people. Be proud that you helped repeal a law that grants loving couples hospital visitation rights etc. I don't understand why people would be so mean-spirited. You can couch it anyway you like. Calling it protecting marriage. It is stripping rights away from a minority of people. If you are proud to sign that petition, I encourage you to. But keep in mind, you are hurting people by doing so. If you can look the same-sex couple in the eye that you see at your local grocery store and feel good about it, then I feel sorry for you. Expect to be contacted after you sign the petition by your neighbors and co-workers and friends and family. Little do you know that one of them is gay and they will wonder why you would help get something on the ballot that would take away rights from them and really cause harm to them. People don't understand that they are hurting real people. It is so sad.

12.  *frank* says:
[June 30, 2009 at 5:27 PM](#)

Just a thought about freedom they call and harass me its freedom of speech I call them its a hate crime and 15 years in prison and they call that fair

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